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SUBJECT: JULY 1 EDITORIAL PROTECTS PARTY, SUPPORTS CRITICISM

SUMMARY. IN THE FIRST PARTY ANNIVERSARY EDITORIAL SINCE LIN  
PIAO FELL, PEKING HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE CURRENT INTRA-PARTY STRUGGLE  
BEHIND THE MOVEMENT BUT ASSERTED THAT THIS STRUGGLE IS NOT TO WEAKEN THE

PARTY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE REGIME HAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE GROWING CRITICISM  
OF LEADERS WITHIN THE PARTY BUT DECLARED THAT THIS IS NORMAL  
DURING A POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND DOES NOT MEAN THAT PARTY LEADERSHIP  
MAY BE WEAKENED. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CURRENTLY SHARPENING  
CRITICISM OF PARTY LEADERS HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY SUPPORTED.  
PEOPLE'S DAILY MADE THESE POINTS IN A BRIEF, SHARPLY FOCUSED  
EDITORIAL JULY 1 MARKING THE 53RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARTY. IT  
IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE FALL OF LIN PIAO THREE YEARS AGO THAT  
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THE PARTY BIRTHDAY HAS BEEN MARKED BY AN EDITORIAL AND THIS

SUGGESTS A CONCERN AND CONSENSUS AMONG THE TOP LEADERS FOR KEEPING THE PARTY SUPREME AND UNASSAILABLE AS THE LEADING INSTITUTION IN THE INTENSIFYING STRUGGLE THAT LIES AHEAD.

2. "IN THE COURSE OF A MOVEMENT," THE EDITORIAL SAYS, " IT IS NORMAL IN PARTY LIFE TO WAGE A STRUGGLE INSIDE PARTY COMMITTEES FOR THE CORRECT LINE.. AND TO MAKE CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM REGARDING THE SHORTCOMINGS AND MISTAKES IN THEIR WORK..IT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY THAT PARTY LEADERSHIP MAY BE WEAKENED" (CHUEH PU I WEI CHE KE I PO JO). THE EDITORIAL APPEARS TO ALLUDE TO FACTIONALISM AND TO VARYING WAYS IN WHICH THE MOVEMENT IS DEVELOPING IN DIFFERENT REGIONS AND PROVINCES WHEN IT ASSERTS "WHETHER IN THE EAST, WEST, SOUTH, NORTH, OR CENTER OF OUR COUNTRY IT IS THE PARTY THAT EXERCISES LEADERSHIP IN EVERYTHING."

3. THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SUPPORT BY IMPLICATION THE MASS CRITICISM THAT IS UNFOLDING, AND PARTY LEADERS ARE ADMONISHED TO SUPPORT CIRITICISM AND SUPERVISION DIRECTED AT THEM. THEY ARE TOLD TO STICK TO PRINCIPLE IN DEALING WITH "CERTAIN WRONG IDEAS" (REFERRED TO TWICE) IN THE MOVEMENT, AND THIS IS PROBABLY AN ALLUSION TO FACTIONALISM, UNRULINESS, AND DISRUPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN GROWING. THE MOVEMENT OTHERWISE IS CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING "ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS" BUT STILL NEEDING "TREMENDOUS EFFORTS" FROM " THE WHOLE PARTY" T MAKE IT "DEEP-GMV, POPULARIEZED AND SUSTAINED." THIS APPEARS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SLUGGISHNESS OF THE MOVEMENT UNTIL RECENTLY AND ITS FAILURE TO IGNITE MASS ENTHUSIASM.

4. THE RECENT PUSH ON FORMING CONTINGENTS OF MASS THEORETICAL WORKERS AND "PROFESSIONAL THEORETICAL WORKERS" ( A RECENTLY STRESSED ASPECT OF THE CONTINGENTS) IS CITED AS PROOF THAT THE MOVEMENT IS DEVELOPING. THE EDITORIAL PUTS PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AS AN EXTRA-PARTY INSTITUTION THE ROLE OF WHICH MUST BE BROUGHT INTO FULL PLAY.  
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